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For: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING USING MT PULSE OF WHICH
DURATION IS SHORTER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated 01/26/2007, reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

The provisional double-patenting rejection of claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14-17, 20 and 21 based on claims 56-59 and 64-74 of copending application No. 10/635,685 is respectfully traversed.

Among other things, the rejected claims in the present application require a short duration (less than 10 msec) MT pulse applied to a region that is different from the region to be imaged. By contrast, although the cited claims of copending application No. 10/635,685 do include division of the MT pulse into sub-pulses (each one of which may